



Van Buren Smashes L. S. U. to Victory Over Aggies

Hometown Clubs Hold Christmas Dances

Aggies, Both Present and Past, Attend Festivities

Houston Dallas, Laredo, and Galveston Clubs Have Enjoyable Time at Parties

A. & M. Clubs throughout the state of Texas entertained the Aggies and Aggie-exes during the Christmas holidays with a series of dances.

The Dallas Club sponsored a dance at the Plantation, Thursday, December 23 from 9:00 o'clock in the evening until 12:15.

The Laredo Club held their dance the next night, Christmas Eve, in the Martin High School Gymnasium.

Herbie Kaye, prominent orchestra leader, played for a dance sponsored by the Houston A. & M. Club at the Plantation.

Reports come from Abilene, Port Arthur, Fort Worth, San Antonio, and other Texas cities with large Aggie representations, of the excellent holiday dances.

Servicemen Understand Problems of Civilians; They Have Them Also

Editor's Note: The following article is from the "Progress News," published by the Gates Rubber Company of Denver, Colorado. It is reprinted here as a reminder to a lot of the civilian population that army life isn't as wonderful as many seem to think.

I UNDERSTAND (Delayed)
"Dear Family:
It is nice to hear from you after such a long period of time, but it is unpleasant to learn of your changed condition of living which I can readily understand from the change of my own conditions.

It is too bad that you are limited in the use of your automobile. I know how it is to walk through miles and miles of swamp and jungle. So I understand.
It is too bad that you have your choice of food limited. I have experienced this, too, except there is no choice here. So I understand.

It is too bad that Willie has to work so many hours a day at the defense plant. I have to work night as well as day at our defense plant. So I understand.
It is too bad that Willie has such little time for amusement. I am deprived of amusement, too. So I understand.

It is too bad that you are being paid so little for working so hard. I only get a fraction of your pay. So I understand.
Winning this war is hard on all of us. You work long hours and so do I. So I understand. But during these hours I get shot at. Do you understand?

Your loving son,
"BILL"

From the Daily Texan, 1893 . . . After the annual Thanksgiving game this year the defeated Aggies sneaked over to Texas and carried away seven students as hostages. As reprisal action, University students are planning to burn down A. & M.

Singing Cadets To Make Two Concerts During Week-end

Group To Perform In Corsicana Over KAND And For Tessie-ites

Aggiesland's Singing Cadets will make a short tour beginning Saturday morning. The thirty-five boys under the direction of Euell Porter will leave the campus at eight o'clock and proceed to T.S.C.W. where they will perform.

After lunch Sunday the Singing Cadets will leave Denton for Corsicana. At that city they will appear at the First Methodist Church. This performance will be broadcast of the Corsicana radio station KAND from 7 to 8 o'clock.

Press Club to Hold Special Meet Wed.

Charlie Murray, president of the A. & M. Press Club, announced yesterday that a very important special meeting of the organization will be held Wednesday night immediately after mess. The meeting will be held in the Lounge of Sbisas Mess Hall.

Because of many other conflicting sessions of the various hometown clubs before the holidays the regular meetings of the Press Club were postponed, it was announced by the president. This may be the last meeting of the semester; therefore, according to the constitution of the organization, officers must be elected for the succeeding semester. In order that all business transactions may be carried out it is important that all members attend, it was reported.

Victory Hut war stamp sales at the University of Southern California have totaled \$8564.45, in the first three weeks.

Aviation Cadets To Begin Nine Weeks of Intensive Training

Eleven youths from A. & M. College have reported to the AAF Pre-Flight School for Pilots at Maxwell Field, Alabama, an installation of the Army Air Forces Training Command, to begin another phase of their training as pilots in the U. S. Army Air Forces' expanding program.

These aviation cadets are receiving nine weeks of intensive physical, military and academic instruction at Maxwell Field, preparatory to beginning their actual flight training at one of the many primary flying schools located in the Army Air Forces Eastern Flying Training Command.

These men are aviation cadets James T. Bergman who attended the College in 1942; Jack E. Dugas, 1942-43; James G. Dye, 1941-42; Ray H. Forman, Jr., 1941-42; James M. Hennessy, Jr., 1940-43 (B. S. Degree); Henry D. Borger, Jr., 1942-43; Jack W. Howell, 1942-43; Cecil W. Hudson, 1939-40; Harry W. Johnson, 1943; Walter S. Lang, Jr., 1942-43; and Philip N. Lowe, 1941-42.

Mess Hall Officials Request Ration Books

Ration books which were taken home by students must be turned in immediately, it was announced by the dining hall officials. A number of books were taken home to help the home rations go further, but they must now be turned back in until the end of the semester which is four-weeks away.

J. C. Hotard Resigns From Mess Hall Job

Supervisor Goes To Dallas Food Company After 15 Years Here

J. C. Hotard, successively chef, steward, and supervisor of subsistence at Texas A. & M. College since 1928, has resigned from his present position and will leave February 1, for Dallas where he will join the Wyatt Food Stores, Inc. This corporation operates 11 cafeterias in connection with its stores, and three cafeterias at the North American Aviation plant at Grand Prairie where over 35,000 meals are served daily.

Hotard has supervised the feeding of thousands of Texas Aggies since the retirement of the late W. A. Duncan in this capacity. The outbreak of World War II added additional load to his task because the Army, Navy, and Marine personnel stationed at College Station had to be fed also.

Sbisas and Duncan Mess Halls are considered the largest college mess halls in this country. Between the two, an average of 21,000 meals have been served each day during the past year. In addition, Hotard has had charge of subsistence of AggieLand Inn. This campus hotel is owned by the state of Texas, but operated by the college for the benefit of the traveling public.

A native of Houma, La., Hotard as a boy helped his father in the operation of a summer resort hotel at Seabreeze, La. In 1916 he began a two-year apprenticeship as a chef with Kolb's restaurant in New Orleans. When 19, he was made chef on a passenger liner for the United Fruit Company. The two years prior to coming to Texas

Father of Aggie, Class of '32, Recalls Son's Days at AggieLand

By Ed Katten
In the old days back when freshmen lived with the upperclassmen one of the first things that their heart was about how Aggie-Exes all over the country were always doing something for any Aggie they met in their part of the country. However, most freshmen swallowed this with traditional grain of salt and put it aside for later bull sessions when they took off their fish stripes. Like any other Fish I took it as a lot of goings-on, too, but during the recent holidays I found out how true it was.

The man who did something for me was one of the truest Aggies I have ever met. However, he never attended A. & M. He was converted by his son who did come to AggieLand back between '28 and '32. His name was P. A. Lester and his son's name was Felix. Felix was killed in action by a Japanese machine-gun on New Georgia Island on July 30 of last year.

Former Instructor At A. & M. to Finish Navy School Course

Ensign Reid Graduates From Indocrination School January 12th

Ensign Cecil W. Reid, former instructor in Fish and Game Conservation, will graduate with the Naval Reserve Officers Indocrination School at Tucson, Ariz., with the 14th battalion of this "Battle-ship of the Desert," January 12, after completing 60 days of training in seamanship, navigation, ordnance, and communications, the Eleventh Naval District announced today.

Designed to acquaint newly appointed officers with every possible element in Navy life, the school, under the command of Capt. W. E. Cheadle, USN (Ret.), specializes in visual training, teaching student officers naval subjects by actual practice, in addition to studying primary text books.

The course is supplemented with a rigorous physical education program designed to give the young officers rugged bodies, fitting them for strenuous duties either ashore or afloat.

Mother of Local Woman Succumbs

Mr. and Mrs. R. E. Patterson of College Hills Estates have recently returned from Houston, to which they were suddenly called last week on account of the illness and death of Mrs. Georgia Harris Brady, mother of Mrs. Patterson, who died on Wednesday. Funeral services were held on Friday morning at 10 o'clock at Forrest Park Cemetery in Houston.

Mrs. Blady, 67 years of age, was born in Nashville, Tennessee. She is survived by her mother, Mrs. M. A. Turner of Dallas, and two daughters, Mrs. Byron O. Brown of Galveston, and Mrs. Patterson of College Station.

The Daily Kansan at the University of Kansas is going to be strictly feminine as soon as the one man on the staff, Bob Bock, sports editor, leaves to join the Marines at the end of the current semester.

Chinese Naval Group In Schools

SWARTHMORE, PA.—(ACP) One of Swarthmore College's newest group of students came all the way from Chungking. They are a Chinese Naval Unit of about fifty cadets and officers sent to Swarthmore to study English by the Chinese Government and the United States Navy. After their stay at Swarthmore, they will be assigned to advanced institutions for study of naval construction and techniques.

Loss of Flanagan Hurts Team in Losing Game, 14-19

Orange Bowl Stadium Filled to Capacity With 28,000 Spectators; Servicemen See Tilt

ASTP Advantages And Qualifications Stated by Command

Enrollment at A&M Now Numbers 2500 in Specialized Group

More than 2,500 boys are attending college—Army-style—at A. & M. in a program which is safeguarding the education of youths of college ability and maintaining for the Army a reserve of men with at least a partial background of college training from which officers and technical specialists will be selected.

Going to college "Army-style" is a serious business in which studies are as important as battles and discipline is as strict as it is in any Army camp.

"Soldiers are being trained at A. & M. because of the establishment of the Army Specialized Training Program," said Col. Beverly H. Coiner, chief of the Army Specialized Training Branch, Headquarters, Eighth Service Command, Dallas, "after the Army found among its younger soldiers many men who would make good officers and technical specialists if their education in the fields of medicine, engineering, languages, science, mathematics and psychology were allowed to continue. The Army has needed more personnel with at least partial college training for its specialized tasks."

"Courses taught at A. & M. are concentrated versions of regular college courses, adapted to Army needs," according to Col. Coiner. "Military training is not forgotten, because classes are carried on in military fashion and the soldiers have plenty of military drill."

A week of study for an ASTP student in engineering, for example, indicates that he spends 34 hours in the classroom and laboratory and on the drill field. At night he has plenty of studying to do. He is allowed Saturday night and Sunday off for a date, movie or dance, providing his students are up to par and his discipline during the week has been satisfactory.

To be eligible for Army Specialized Training, Col. Coiner pointed out, a soldier must have a score of at least 115 in the Army General Classification Test—which is high—must show evidence that the best interests of the Army would be served by further training. He must also have a high school education if under 22, or at least a year of college with one year of mathematics at college level if over 22.

Nearly 150,000 soldier students are taking ASTP training, the maximum number set by the War Department for this activity of the Army Service Forces. Some of these students have already been inducted into the Army. Others are civilians a year under the minimum induction age who are training now to be better soldiers when their turn comes at the induction station.

But the one thing that impressed us most was Mr. Lester's loyal devotion to this school. I dare say that he was more Aggie than a lot of Aggies that have attended A. & M. He told us about his son's days on the campus and then showed us a number of snapshots taken during those days. He told us that true to the old Aggie tradition Felix had married a T. S. C. W. girl and quite a bit more.

This all goes to prove that the Spirit of AggieLand will never die as long as there are men on this earth as friendly and loyal to A. & M. as P. A. Lester.

Meeting of Camera Club Wednesday Eve

Announcement has been made of the regular meeting of the Campus Camera Club Wednesday evening in the photograph laboratories of the Engineering Experiment Station Building. All members of the club are urged to be present at this meeting which will begin at 7 o'clock.

The program will be given by Mr. Clark, college photographer, and important business will come before the group, it was stated. Plans will be made for the club to have a semester-end social meeting and plans will be discussed for the club's photograph contest.

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